## CHAIRMAN CANNON'S STATEMENT

Says Congress Has Reduced Appropriations \$123,150,091 Under Those Provided by Its Predecessor and Has Made an Annual Reduction in Taxation of \$41,000,000.

Washington, D. C.-The total of appropriations at the second session of the Fifty-sixth Congress, just ended. according to a statement prepared by Chairman Cannon, of the House Appropriation Committee, is \$769,911,683. and the grand total for the entire Congress, \$1.440.062.545, against \$1.568,-212,637 by the Fifty-fifth Congress. Mr. Cannon's statement adds:

The increase over the appropriations made at the first session of this Congress is less than \$20,000,000, and this sum is more than accounted for by the increase of \$10.124,450 made on account of the postal service and by \$13,-513,057 in the bill that provides for the maintenance of our naval establishment and for the construction, armor and armament of the new ships of the

Slight increases are shown in the bills providing for the Agricultural Department, the army, the diplomatic and consular service, the government of the District of Columbia, fortifications, the Indian service, and for legislative, executive and judicial expenses: but these increases are more than offset by the substantial reductions which are indicated in the Sundry Civil act. in deficiencies and for permanent appropriations. Included in the last named is the provision for our annual interest charge, which by legislation enacted by this Congress has been reduced in a sum that will amount annually to \$9,400,000. The increase on account of miscellaneous objects is occasioned by the appropriation of \$5,250,000 authorized by legislation at the first session of this Congress for the St. Louis Exposition.

The total appropriations made at the two sessions of the Fifty-sixth Congress are \$128.150.091.89 less than the appropriations made during the two regular sessions of the preceding Con-The new revenue law passed at this session will, it is estimated, reduce taxes for the coming fiscal year \$41,000,000. bringing our total estimated income for the coming fiscal year, including postal revenues, to

The large deficiencies provided for during the fiscal year 1899 by the first regular session of the Fifty-fifth Congress, amounting to \$349,772,389.96. were almost in their entirety to cover the expenses of the military and naval establishments during the fiscal years 1899 and 1900 incident to the war with Spain.

The most marked increase indicated in the appropriations for ordinary ex-penses of the Government made for the two years 1901 and 1902, at the two sessions of this Congress, over those of the two preceding years, 1899 and 1900, provided for by the Fiftyfifth Congress, is for the postal serv This is the one branch of the public service that cannot be restrained in its growth. It registers. with precision and exactness the welfare of the nation, and the agricultural, industrial and commercial condition of the country. That the growth of the postal service for the two years provided for by this Congress is neareight per cent, greater than was the growth of the appropriations made therefor by the Fifty-fifth Congress is a source of congratulation.

### CRIME TO GIVE FRIEND A DRINK. Topeka Penalizes Hospitality With Fine and Imprisonment.

Topeka, Kan.-An ordinance been adopted by the City Council which, it is believed, will make it almost impossible for the "jointists" to do business in this city.

The ordinance makes is unlawful to treat a friend to a drink of liquor in a private house. A man is declared to be guilty of violating the ordinance he is found in a place where liquor is sold. The ordinance does not require that an actual sale shall be proved. Heavy fines and imprisonment of thir ty to 100 days in jail are the penalties for violations of the ordinance.

#### AN ATTACK ON THE KAISER. Epileptic at Bremen Gives No Explanation of His Act.

Bremen, Germany.-While Emperor William was driving from the Rathskeller to the railway station a man threw a piece of iron into his carriage. but His Majesty drove on without stopping. It is stated that he was struck on the cheek and slightly injured.

The man who threw the missile was arrested. His name is Diedrich Weiland. He is an epileptic, and answers in a confused manner the questions put to him.

## The Population of Alaska

According to a bulletin issued by the Census Office, at Washington, the population of Alaska is 63.592 The total land surface of Alaska is 590,884 square miles, and the average number of persons to the 100 square miles is eleven.

Nicaraguan Judge Killed. Judge Meza, of the Nicaraguan Sppreme Court, was killed at Granada by Senor Lacayos, whose father has been well known in Nicaraguan af-

fairs. 2,000,000 Acres of Land Sold. The property of the Diston Lang Company, comprising 2,000,000 acres

in five countles of Florida, which has been in litigation for some time, has been sold to C. W. Ward, of Washington, D. C. The price is said to have been \$70,000.

#### Massachusetts Judges in Robes For the first time in 126 years the judges in the Supreme Judicial Court, at Boston, the highest tribuna! in

## Massachusetts, appeared in robes a few days ago. In Prison For Life at Fourteen. Travis Brown, fourteen years old, of

Clinton County, was taken to the penitentiary at Frankfort, Ky., to serve a life sentence for murder. Brown, when thirteen years of age, shot from ambush and killed Celia Jones, twelve, who threatened to tell her father of an insult young Brown of-

fered her. Emperor Annuls Boxer Decrees. In an edict the Emperor of China annuls all decrees and reports rendered from June 20 to August 14, 1900, in order that no trace of them be preserved in history.

Commander Tilley's Story of the Savage He Rescued in Samoa

A Fugitive in the Tutulla Woods and in Fear of His Life-One of the Abarenda's Crew.

Washington, D. C .- Commander Tilley, the Naval Governor of Tutuila, reports to the Navy Department that, as an act of humanity, he had added a cannibal to the crew of the United States ship Abarenda. He gives an interesting narrative of how he come to give succor and shelter to the stranger.

"I have the honor," says Command er Tilley. "to report that I have on board the Abarenda for protection a Solomon Island native who was found in the woods of Tutuila, where he had been a fugitive for more than twelve years. The man is a savage, is very black, and dees not speak any language which any person on board the

Abarenda can understand. "Through an interpreter at Apia I learned from him that he was brought from the Solomon Islands to work on a German plantation in Upolu a long time ago; that he was badly treated, and that he and two companions ran away and got over to Tutuila on a raft. There they fled to the woods and re-mained as outcasts. The two com-panions are dead. The statement of he manager of the plantation is that these men ran away over twelve years ago, and that he does not want this man returned.

"The Samoan natives assert that this man has killed some of their people, but I hardly believe this, although he may have done so when he was hard pushed by them. At any rate, the Samoans were trying to kill him, and I took him on board ship to save his life. His people are cannibals, and he loes not wish to return home for fear that after his long absence he has been forgotten and will be killed and

"He is very industrious and useful on board ship, doing willingly all kinds of menial work. I have issued a ration to him, and recommend that he be allowed to remain on board some vessel of the navy until he can take care of himself. At present he is a perfect savage and unable to take care of himself on shore anywhere. He is about forty-five years of age, and is attoed over all his face. He is perectly tractable and good natured now, and is liked by the crew, who have given him his clothes."

## KILLED FOR A SIX-CENT LUNCH. Four Waiters Pounced on Penniless Man and Beat Him to Death.

New York City.-Because he could not pay six cents for a lunch he had eaten, four waiters pounced upon George Gala in a Bowery restaurant and beat him to death.

Gala was a laborer from Providence, R. I. He ate a plate of butter cakes and drank a cup of coffee. Then he told the cashier he had no money Several waiters attacked him, according to a Bowery custom. One man hit him in the face, knocking him against a counter, which his head struck with great force. He fell unconscious and was dragged to the sidewalk, where a policeman found him. An ambulance was sent for, but when it arrived Gala was dead.

Four waiters employed in the resaurant, James Francis, William Dennis, Israel Spellman and William Alien, were arrested.

### WOMAN PLAYED MAN FORTY YEARS Worked as a Sailor, and Made Anothe Woman Her Wife.

London.-A remarkable story of male impersonation was revealed in a police court here in connection with an arrest for alleged money frauds. The prisoner, named Catherine

Coombe, aged sixty-six, appeared in the dock in male attire. For forty years Catherine impersonated a man and worked as a sailor.

She says she was married at fifteen. taught school, and then thought there were better chances of advancement as a man. Eventually she married a lady's maid, with whom she lived for fourteen years.

## NEW CURE FOR SHEEP DISEASE. Dr. Jarre Announces His Discovery to

the French Academy of Medicine. Paris, France.-At a meeting of the

Academy of Medicine Dr. Jarre announced the discovery of a remedy for the foot and mouth disease, which is so fatal to sheep. He says he has suc-cessfully used the remedy in 1500 cases in two years.

It consists of a concentrated solution of chromic acid, chemically pure at thirty-three per cent. This is employed as a caustic to the sore. The cure is rapid and certain.

Dr. Jarre says that M. Depuy, Minister of Agriculture, has promised to give the remedy official tests.

## Germany's New Bid For Trade.

The German Government has appointed commercial experts who will be attached to the German consulates at New York City, St. Petersburg, Calcutta, Constantinople, Buenos Ayres and other ports, and who will report on the best means of promoting commerce between Germany and the countries to which they are accredited.

Army Appropriation Bill Signed. President McKinley has signed the Army Appropriation bill, which contains the provisions relating to the relations of the United States with Cuba and the government of the Phil ippines.

Rear-Admira! Schley Ordered Home. After over one year's absence in command of the South Atlantic station. Rear-Admiral Schley is to be brought home within the next months, and he will be succeeded by Rear-Admiral Barlett J. Cromwell. now in command of the Portsmouth Navy Yard.

#### Horse and Cow in a Duel. An old horse and a Jersey cow belonging to Josiah Marsh, of Frozidence, R. I., fought a duel to the death in the night.

## Prominent People. King Charles of Portugal weighs 300 pounds.

Waldeck-Rousseau, Premier France, has recovered his health. Earl Roberts's is the first name in King Edward's new visitors' book. Senator "Billy" Mason was a schoolmate of Senator W. A. Clark at Ben-

tonport, Iowa. The young Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha has passed his examination as military ensign.

Senators Tallaferro, of Florida; Lindsay, of Kentucky, and Harris, of Kansas, were born in Virginia

# GIGANTIC STEEL TRUST

The Capital of the New Corporation Will Be \$1,154,000,000.

# CARNEGIE GETS \$25,000,000 CASH

An Official Statement Issued by J. I. Morgan & Co. Relative to the Plan of Consolidation-Syndicate States That It Gets No Profits Except Those Which Come From the Exchange of Holdings

New York City.-A circular has been issued by J. P. Morgan & Co. to the stockholders of the Federal Steel Company, National Steel Company, National Tube Company, American Steel and the hospital, but did not regain con-Wire Company, American Tinplate Company, American Steel Hoop Company and American Sheet Steel Company, which, together with the Carnegie Company, are to be merged into the United States Steel Corporation. It is supplemented by an address of the Board of Directors of the various companies, urging acceptance of the terms offered on the score of decreased expenses and larger net earnings without advance in prices of manufactured product.

In order to carry out the provisions of the consolidation, the capitalization of the United States Steel Corporation will be \$1,154,000,000. Of this amount \$425,000,000 is seven per cent. cumulative preferred stock; an equal amount of common stock and \$304,000,000 of five per cent. bonds. The bonds are to be used only in acquiring the bonds and sixty per cent. of the stock of the Carnegie Company. An underwriting syndicate of \$200,000,000 has been formed to finance the plan.

J. P. Morgan & Co. will manage the syndicate and exchange the bonds and stock of the new corporation for those of the subordinate companies, and \$25,-000,000 in cash. The syndicate is to retain all stocks not required for the acquisition of combining companies. According to statements made by

officials of the various companies entering the combination their aggregate net earnings for 1900 were sufficient to pay dividends on both common and preferred stocks of the United States Steel Corporation, besides allowances for sinking funds and maintenance. The capitalization of the company may be reduced if the entire capitalization of the subordinate companies is not

The circular settles beyond cavil or doubt that the Carnegie Company was not acquired until Mr. Carnegie's terms, \$25,000,000 in cash, were acceded to. It says in reference to common stock dividends:

"For the purpose of avoiding the necessity of interruption in the declaration and payment of dividends, when earned, upon the common stock, concurrently with the payment of divi-dends upon the preferred stock, there has been inserted in the charter of the United States Steel Corporation a proposition to the effect that whenever all quarterly dividends accrued upon the preferred stock for previous quarters shall have been paid, the Board of Directors may declare dividends on the common stock out of any remaining surplus or net profits."

In order that there may be no misunderstanding, either now or in the future, as to who is supreme in the trust, the following statement is made: 'The undersigned (J. P. Morgan & Co.) are authorized to proceed with the proposed transaction whenever in their sole judgment a sufficient amount of the stocks of said companies, or any of them, shall have been deposited. They reserve the right, at any time, in their discretion, to wholly abandon the transaction and to withdraw their offer herein contained as to all the de-

And while the supremacy question is uppermost the circular says that all forms of bonds and stock certificates, "and the entire plan of organization and management of the United States Steel Corporation shall be determined

by J. P. Morgan & Co." The closing paragraph will gratify the heretofore unsatisfied curious interest of every general reader, because Mr. Morgan has not been given to publicly making personal explanations of any kind. It reads: "It is proper to state that J. P. Morgan & Co. are to receive no compensation for their services as syndicate managers beyond a share in any sum which ultimately may be realized by the syndicate.'

## CHOSEN ASSASSIN FROM AMERICA,

#### Aan Who Killed Himself Instead of Italy's King Once Lived in Paterson, N. J.

London.-An Anarchist named Peroni committed suicide in Rome a few days ago after making some astonishing revelations. Among other things he said that he had been selected by lot at Marseilles to kill King Victor Emmanuel. On arriving in Rome his nerve failed him, and he killed himself

by opening his veins. The police have now discovered some confirmation of his story. They have searched Peroni's lodgings and found letters from Bresci and other desperadoes, portraits of the King and Anarmartyrs, including Bresel and Ravachol. Two letters bore a New York portmark. The police say Peroni was once arrested in Paterson, N. J., an suspicion of being concerned in a local murder.

## Consul Dies at His Post.

Word was received at the State Department, in Washington, that Alexander Wood, of Pennsylvania, United States Consul at Kiel, Germany, died of paralysis. Mr. Wood was appointed Consul at Kiel in October, 1899.

## House Passed Army Bill. The House of Representatives, at Washington, removed all possibility of

an extra session by concurring in the Senate amendments to the Army Appropriation bill. The vote stood 159 to 134. It was a strict party vote, with the exception that four Republicans voted with the Democrats. bill was taken to the President.

Cervers Now a Vice-Admiral. The Queen Regent of Spain has signed a decree appointing Rear-Admiral Cervera to be a Vice-Admiral.

#### \$11.588.966 Coined in February. The monthly statement issued by the Director of the Mint, at Washington, shows that the total coinage executed in the United States mints in February, 1901, was \$11,588,966, as follows:

Gold, \$9,230,300; silver, \$2,242,166; mi-

nor coins, \$116,500. Our Ships Not Going to Cuba. The Secretary of the Navy, at Washington, says that the North Atlantic squadron is not going to Cuba at present. It is going now for a cruise through the West India Islands, and will not touch at Cuba before its re-

from this cruise.

# SHOT HIS MUSIC TEACHER GOD'S MESSAGE TO MAN. THE SABBATH SCHOOL THE GREAT DESTROYER

Man Killed Himself.

She Had Rejected Him and He Waylaid Her Going Home - A Letter Drove Him to Desperation.

Mount Vernon, N. Y .- Because his pretty music teacher, Dorothy Treulib. had refused to marry him, James Campbell, a young man of this place, waylaid her near her home and after shooting her through the head committed suicide by firing another bullet into his brain. The girl was taken to the hospital. The bullet entered behind her ear and lodged beneath the Campbell was also taken to left eye.

sciousness. Miss Treulib is nineteen years old. She is the eldest daughter of Albert Treulib. a merchant of Mount Vernon, and was related by marriage to the young man who attempted her life. Miss Treulib was returning home about 8 o'clock p. m., when Campbell, who was hidden behind a tree with a revolver in his hand, sprang out and shot her. The girl's father said to a reporter: "My wife and myself were eating supper when we heard two shots in quick succession. I went to the door, and as I opened it I heard Dorothy crying for her mother. She was lying on the sidewalk in a pool of blood. Campbell was lying a few feet away. When I reached my daughter she said. Oh, papa, he has shot me and then killed himself.' With the assistance of neighbors I carried her into the house and then ran for a doctor. I never knew until to-night that Campbell was in love with Dorothy. He visited my house for the last time on Sunday night. He appeared to be in good spirits and he and Dorothy sang and played together all even-When my daughter visited her aunt, Campbell's sister, Campbell always brought her home. We looked upon him as a relative and thought that his attachment for Dorothy was

merely family friendship."

It was learned that although Miss Treulib did not regard him seriously Campbell was desperately in love with her. Miss Treulib is a blonde and a very attractive young woman. Sh has been giving Campbell violin lessons for some time. Campbell has been employed as an electrician at the plant of the Westchester Lighting Company, in Mount Vernon. He boarded with his sister, Mrs. Anna Treulib, who is Miss Treulib's aunt. and whose house the young woman frequently visited. His sister said that he had frequently spoken of his love for Dorothy, but that she had discouraged him by telling him that Dorothy did not care for him except as a friend. She thinks that the Boston letter which Campbell in a note left by him, complained of as having preinitated the tragedy, is one which was written to Miss Treulib a few days ago by an aunt in that city. In this letter the nunt asked Dorothy to send her her picture as there was a young man in Boston who would send a portrait of himself as soon as it was received. Mrs. Treulib believes that this letter drove Campbell to desperation. Campbell's relatives in Yonker's and his mother is dead.

## CITIZEN ARMY FOR AUSTRALIA. New Federation Taking Steps to Provide

For the National Defense. Melbourne, Australia.—The idea of a citizen army for the Australia Commonwealth is taking a very strong hold of a large section of the people. The scheme which seems most likely to be adopted is that formulated by Brigadier-General Gordon, commandant of the South Australian forces, under which every man who is physically fit and between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one will be taught to shoot, will undergo an army training for a certain number of weeks every year. and will undertake to join the ranks of the Federal volunteer army whenever necessity arises.

The Federal Government would, under this scheme, provide instruction, arms, accountrements, ammunition and uniform, and would pay each man who made himself efficient a bonus of \$50 to \$150 a year for non-coms, and regu-

lar army pay for officers. Each State would raise sufficient men to guarantee immunity against attack by a foreign foe, and would supply the needs of the empire in the event of any such emergency as that which in South Africa has found so loyal and enthusiastic response. Under this scheme it is calculated that it would not be difficult to raise within five years a capable and efficient citizen army of 300,000 men.

## ALLECED HYPNOTIST TO DIE. Woman For Whom He Committed Double Murder Says He Hypnotized Her.

Kearney, Neb.-Frank Dinsmore. who two years ago murdered his wife and John Laue because of his love for Mrs. Laue, was sentenced to death. Mrs. Laue is also in jail in connection with the case, though she has always contended that Dinsmore hypnotized her. Everything points to this as a fact. The woman has never been able to testify against Dinsmore, fainting away every time the accused looked her in the eyes.

## Cause of an Explosion in Spain.

An explosion in the custom house at Iran, Spain, was caused by a workman opening a case of guncotton with hammer for the purpose of verifying the contents of thirty-four similar cases that were passing through the custom house. Twelve persons were killed, and five seriously and fifteen slightly injured.

## Farmers Fight a Fatal Ducl.

street duel was fought at Parkville. Ill., by John Snyder and Isaac McCullom, farmers. Both men were fatally wounded. There has been illfeeling between the men for a long time. Snyder had a shotgun and Mc-Cullom a pistol.

#### Millions For a Boys' Asylum. Justice Palmer, at Denver, Col., has sustained the will of George W. Clayton, bequeathing more than \$2,000,000 to found an asylum for white boys be-

tween ten and fourteen years old. Murderer Cheats the Gallows. John Popovitch, one of the four Monenegrins sentenced to death for the murder and attempted robbery Paymaster Hosler, of Mount Pleasant, Penn., hanged himself in his cell. He used the chain that holds up his bunk, and was dead when discovered by the

#### Thirty Vessels Overdue. Marine underwriters in Boston have

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compiled a list of overdue vessels, all of which sailed before the recent northwesterly gales. The list com-prises about thirty vessels of all de-

Then the Love-Maddened Young PREGNANT THOUGHTS FROM THE WORLD'S GREATEST PROPHETS.

> Light in Our Darkness - Lonely Days -Leading in Prayer-The Shoreless Sea of God's Love-Faithful Unto Death-

This One Thing I Do. Thou hast arisen, but Thou declinest

never, Today shines as the past.

All that Thou wast, Thou art and shall be ever. Brightness from first to last. Night visits not thy sky, nor storm, nor

sadness, Day fills up all its blue: Unfading beauty and unfaltering glad-And love forever new!

Light of the world! undimming and unsetting, O shine each mist away! Banish the fear, the falsehood and the

fretting. Be our unchanging day! -Horatius Bonar.

Lonely Days. Among the hardest days we ever live through are those which follow on a great bereavement. We are stunned if we had prolonged care for an invalid, or an anxious time for weeks in a sick chamber, where fever or some other malady has run its course, at the amount of time left on our hands. We are conscious of our loss at the table, in the library, after supper, when the postman rings the bell, when friends call. At times the sense of loss is almost insupportable, and the time drags on slowfooted, that was once so light of pace. But there are rifts in the glom. If our loved ones have gone to heaven, they are not, for God has taken them. If we believe in Christ's assurances of the future life, we shall find our loved ones where there are no more partings. If we believe in service there, as in service here, it will soon be a great comfort that they who were about the Master's business when abiding with us, are absent from us, but not absent from him, and that they are engaged as much and as actively as ever in errands of duty divinely ordered. Bit by bit to the most sorrowful, time and faith bring tender healing, and we learn to take up the maimed life and to gather up the fragments and to go on in the strength of the Lord our God.-Aunt Marjorie, in Christian Intelligencer.

Leading in Prayer. It is because we believe in the priesthood of all believers that we are justified in the request which we often make to devout members of the church to "lead in prayer." It is a sacred office, and no one ought to respond to the call unless he realizes just what it means. The leader must somehow suddenly forget himself to such an extent that he can enter into the moods of many and voice needs which are not his own. The joys and the griefs, the struggles and the attainments, the petitions and the thanksgivings of his fellows must be so really his that he can lead the souls of others to the throne of God in the hush of those solemn moments. It is a burden. It is a privilege. There are men and women who are priests of mighty power in the worship of the churches. They can lead in prayer because they have learned the way of approach in secret as they have dwelt with God. No man can lead who does not know the way; and no man can lead who does not know what the responsibility of leadership means. Let us make our souls ready for the high privilege of leading in prayer.

## The Shoreless Sea of Gol's Love.

Better gifts than we can imagine are held in reserve for us. The blessings refine with our refinement and greaten with our greatness. Who can fully explore the recesses of light, the reaches of divine beauty, the spreading avenues of virtue, the endless depths of truth, the shoreless sea of God's love? It will require an eternity to reach and realize the rising degrees of life and joy before the soul once awakened to its true and highest mission. On the contrary, stay our upward faith, which gives character a drift in the better directions, arrest our communions with the superior influences, engross us in the world, cast us into the darkness of eclipse that atheism draws over the hidden and higher universe, or fetter us in the coils of a heartless creed, and you as surely repress life from its unfolding as you would stop the growth of the tree by denying it the sun and air. There is no regeneration for us from less to more of righteousness and peace, save in the better contacts that Christian faith and works will secure to us (however perfect we may be) from year to year and from age to age.

# Faithful Unto Death.

On the deck of a foundering vessel stood a negro slave. The last man left on board, he was about to step into the life-boat. It was almost laden to the gunwales, to the water's edge. ing in his arms what seemed to be a bundle, the boat's crew, who with difficulty kept her affoat in the roaring sea, refused to receive him. If be came, it must be unencumbered and alone; on this they insisted. He must either leave that bundle and leap in, or throw it in and stay to perish. Pressing it to his bosom, he opened its folds, and there, warmly wrapped, lay two little children, whom their father had committed to his care. He kissed them and bade the sailors carry his affectionate farewell to his master, telling him how faithfully he had fulfilled his charge. Then lowering the children into the boat which pushed off, the dark man stood alone on the deck, to go down with the sinking ship, a noble example of bravery and the "love that seeketh not its own."-Selected.

## This One Thing I Do.

Paul was a tent-maker, a philosopher. and an apostle: but when he spoke of his life-work, he did not say, "These three things I do," but, "This one thing Neither did he say, "I press to-I do. ward the mark for the prize of three callings:" but, "The prize of the He had three callings, but one of these was the "high calling." The others were made a means to an ond. when he signed his name, he did not when he signed his name, he do not write, "Paul a tent-maker," or "Paul a philosopher," but "Paul an apostle." So should every believer in Christ count himself a Christian first, and a business man afterwards.—United Pres-

Who hath sailed about the world of his own heart, sounded each creek, sur-reyed each corner, but that still there remains therein much terra incognita to himself?-Thomas Fuller.

Small Death Rate at Havana, Cuba. According to the report on vital statistics sent to the War Department at Washington by Major Gorgas, chief sanitary officer of Havana, Cuba, the deaths there during January numbered 476, the least reported for the first month of any year on record. The death rate was 22.75.
Deaths from yellow fever decreased during
the month, while those due to tuberculois increased.

Crusade Against Indelible Peneil. A crusade against the indelible pencihas been begun by physicians in Chicago on the ground that it is so poisonous as to to cause sore lips and fingers, or even death

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR MARCH 24.

Subject: Jesus Crucified and Burie ! Luke xxiii., 35-53-Golden Text, I. Cor. xv., 3-Memory Verses, 46, 47-

Commentary on the Day's Lesson. 35. "Derided Him." The crowd mocked Him from 9 till 12 o'clock. But there were also friendly watchers at the cross (John 19: 25-27). Jesus was not wholly deserted in this sad hour. The women were last at the cross and first at the were last at the cross and list at the grave. The three Marys were there: Mary, the mother of Jesus: Mary, the wife of Cleopas, and Mary Magdalene, with several other friends (v. 49). "Save Himself." They thought that if Jesus were the Messiah, surely He could deliver Himself from the Roman cross.

Himself from the Roman cross.

36. "Vinegar." It was about the time of the mid-day meal of the soldiers, and they in mockery offered Him their sour wine to drink with them. The soldiers wine to drink with them. The soldiers pretend to treat Jesus as a king, to whom the festive cup is presented. The first drink of vinegar and gall Jesus refused, but this, unmixed with any drug, was ac-

cepted. "A superscription." The white tablet nailed upon the cross, above the head of the victim, to declare the crime for which He was crucified. It was a common custom to affix a label to the cross giving a statement of the crime for which person suffered. "Was written." P Pilate wrote this superscription evidently in de rision. "King of the Jews." The words are somewhat different in the different gospels, probably because some of the writers copied from one language and some from another. The truth was proclaimed in jest; Jesus is in fact a "King with many crowns."

39. "Railed on Him." The two thieves

crucified with Him may have belonged to the band with Barabbas; they evidently knew something about the Christ. One mocked, the other prayed. "Dost thou not fear God?" Whatever the reckless crowd may do, thou art near death; does this have no effect upon you?

41. "We-justly." He is a true peni-tent, confessing his sins. "Nothing amiss." He may have heard and seen much of Jesus at the trial. It is more than likely that at various times he may have joined the crowd where Jesus was speaking, and have known of His miracies.

42. "Lord." The very use of the word implies faith. "Thy kingdom." He thus recegnized Christ as a real King. His prayer shows that he believed that Jesus was the Son oi God; that He had power to easy and that they would continue to expense and that they would continue to expense. save, and that they would continue to ex-

ist in a future state.

43. "To-day." This was the second saying of Christ on the cross. This verse is a strong proof of the immortality of the soul. "Paradise." This is a word of Persian origin, denoting a beautiful park, garden or orchard. It designates the abode of the righteous in the unseen world, the home of repose and joy beyond

the grave.
44. "The sixth hour"-Noon. Christ's third saying on the cross was spoken just before this to His mother and to John: "Woman, behold thy Son." "Behold Thy mother." John 19:26, 27. Jesus in the midst of His sufferings was thinking of others, and while on the cross made pro-vision for His mother. "Darkness." This darkness continued three hours, from noon till 3 o'clock. "Over the whole land"
(R. V.) Of Palestine. This darkness was typical of the moral blackness that filled the land. During the darkness occurred Christ's fourth utterance on the cross: "My God, My God, why hast Thou for-saken Me?" Matt. 27: 46. The fifth saying was: "I thirst."

45. "The veil-was rent." The great

veil of the temple that hung between the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies, forty cubits (sixty feet) long, and twenty (thirty feet) wide, of the thickness of the palm of the hand, and wrought in seventy-two which were joined squares, which were joined together.
46. "With a loud voice." As it were
the triumphant note of a conqueror. What He said first at this time is recorded in John 19: 30, and was His sixth saying on the cross: "It is finished."
"Father," etc. This was His seventh say. "The word 'Father' shows that His Not soul has recovered full serenity." long before this when struggling in the darkness He called to His "God;" now the darkness is gone and He sees His Father's face. "I commend My spirit." I deposit My soul in Thy hands. Here is another proof of the immortality of the of its separate existence after death. "Gave up the ghost." He dis-missed the spirit. He Himself willingly gave up that life which it was impossible for man to take away; He thus became, not a forced sacrifice, but a free-will offer-

"The centurion." The Roman officer who had charge of the crucilixion "Glorified God." When he saw "wha was done" he acknowledged that God Himself was showing His approval of Jesus. "A righteous man." An innocent man. According to Matthew he confessed

Jesus to be the Son of God.
48. "Smote their breasts." In token of alarm and penitence. They were to some extent penitent for their actions. Awe and consternation seized upon the Jews. 49. "All his acquaintance." They be-held him with the deepest sorrow over their irrevocable loss, which was not yet softened by the joyful hope of the resurrection. 50. "A councilor" (R. V.) That is, he

was a member of the Sanhedrin. He was also a rich man "Had not consented." He either voted against their action in the council, or, what is far more probable had absented himself and taken no part "Arimathaea." in the proceedings. "Arimathaea." Some identify this with Rama in Benjamin, or Rama in Ephraim, the birthplace of Sam-The form of the name is more like latter. "Himself waited." He was a the latter. secret disciple (John 19: 38), and "waited for the manifestation of the Messiah's

kingdom. "Went to Pilate." He went in boldly. It took great courage to do this. He had been a secret disciple and afraid of public sentiment, but he is fearless now regard Joseph as one of the noblest characters referred to in the New Testament; he befriended Christ in this hour of awful darkness when even the disciples forsook Him and fled.

53. "He took it down." Joseph was as sisted by Nicodemus (John 19: 39-42) they wrapped the body in linen with spices, and placed it in a new sepulchre, in a garden near by Calvary. Isa. 53: 9.

Right-Handed Children Are Brighter. Professor F. W. Smedley, of the Child Study Department of the public schools of Chicago, declares that from experiments he is convinced right-handed children are naturally brighter than left-handed. Pu-pils who find difficulty in articulation are most often left-handed. The right hand is controlled from the left side of the brain, and the left hand from the right side. Speech is controlled by the right side of the brain. The overdevelopment of one hand or the other is thought in this way to affect speech.

Geographic Names in the Philippines. President McKinley recently transmitted to Congress the report of the Board on Geographic Names on the coastwise names the Chilippine Archipelago, upon which there was urgent need of uniformity, both in spelling and pronunciation, in their use by the executive departments. The list comprises 4000 names, occupying 191 type-written sheets. The board adopted the spelling found on the Spanish efficial charts and the English pronunciation as nearly as possible after each name.

Switzerland's Co-Operative Society. The Co-Operative Association of Basle, Switzerland, contains 19,011 members, who bought nearly \$2,000,000 worth of provisions, etc., last year, and got back nine per cent. of their expenditures. This has led to the formation of an opposition association of small dealers.

SOME STARTLING FACTS ABOUT THE VICE OF INTEMPERANCE.

The Epitaph of a Drunkard - Alarmins Ravages of Drink in the "Country of "ure Wine"-One Alcoholic For Every

Ten of the Population. Pray, who lies here? Why, don't you Know?
This stammering, staggering, hoozy Joe.
What, dead at last? I thought that death
Could never stop his long, long breath—
True, death never threw his dart at him,

But killed; like David, with a sling. Rut killer; luse David, with a sing. Whither he's gone we do not know, With spirits above or spirits below—Rut if he former taste inherita. He's quaffing in a world of spirits.—Reaton Hera

# -Boston Herald.

# Alcohol and Crime in France.

In a thoughtful and suggestive article in a recent issue of Le Matin. M. Henry Fouquier moralizes on the two faces that human character presents in the events chronicled daily in the newspapers. One moment the reader is thrilled with the tale of heroign such as weak above the moment the reader is thrilled with the tale of heroism such as was shown on the beach opnosite the stranded packet boat. La Russie, and the next is horrified by the recountal of crimes that offend every sense of morality decency and humanity itself. In view of recent events, he wonders if Paris will not soon hold the record for horrible crimes

French character, nevertheless still in

French character, nevertheless, still in the main deserves the old proverb "Bad French character, nevertheless, still in the main deserves the old proverb "Bad head, but good heart." Paris has known all the follies, including that of blood, but it is not in history that one must search for the reasons for the present moral degeneracy. Says M. Fouquier. "It is still, I helieve, accidental and curable. Poor Baudelaire, great poet, but absolutely unreasonable man, imagined that he was opening to us the door of 'artificial paradises' in eulogizing intoxication in its various forms. In reality, the open door is that! forms. In reality, the open door is that of hell. It is alcohol, in all its forms, which creates these veritable demoniacs, who sometimes furious, sometimes beso that their crimes do not arrest our attion save when they are committed in some unusual way.

some unusual way.

"In certain classes, at least, there is one alcoholic for every ten of the population, whether they be conscious of it or not. The devoted men who have made themselves the aposfles of the crusade against alcohol, which I deem one of the greatest movements of our times, give in their pamphlets and their lectures, which cannot be too great in number, the eloquent picture of the ravages that alcohol produces, in whatever manner it is introduced into our economy. Only they do not insist into our economy. Only they do not insist enough, perhaps, on disguised alcoholism, that is alcoholic poisoning in subjects that: possess all appearances of temperance and who are really not drunkards. Hereditary who are really not drunkards. Hereditary or acquired nervousness has so developed in our race that the evil of alcoholism can cause its havoc in men who do not sus-

"I knew a literary man, who was not only full of talent and a gallant man, but moreover of a most scrupulous correctness of life. He would have died of shame to he a drunkard, yet he was one in his time. Experiencing nervous troubles, menacing symptoms of paralysis, he went, without revealing his identity, to a great physician The doctor, after a rapid examination, said, rather brusquely, You are losing your time coming to see me. You know you have only to stop getting drunk."

"Only those who know my friend can imagine the indignant stupefaction caused

by these words of the doctor. "'1' I, a drunkard! I was never in-toxicated once in my life. I never enter a cafe. I dine with my family."
"Explanations followed. My friend drank one bottle of wine a day and one finger of chartreuse after his coffee. For him that was also holism.

him that was alcoholism. Alcoholic "We must understand it. poisoning exists outside even of habitual intoxication. The enemy of human reason can insinuate itself without noise, without excess, drop by drop, one may say, and yet may take possession of the place all the same. It is a Tartufe who awaits the last act, delirium tremens or paralysis, to proclaim himself master of the house. It is for us, by every means, to close the door on him. In this emerrency I understand the state reason, for if one uses it for temporary and personal affairs, how much more legitimate is its use when it is a question of guarding the

# health and greatness of our race.

Here is a copy of a resolution passed reently by the Catholic Total Abstinence.
Juion of America at its convention in

Whereas, The virtue of a nation is never higher than the virtue of its women. The mothers of the nation form the habits of the youth. It is a lamentable fact that he drinking customs of society to-day oster the use of intoxicants among women-women of the higher grade of society, women of culture, wealth and influence, should be eminent in respectability and virtue, as the example is apt to be ollowed and the customs become a norma

n society; be it "Resolved, 1, That we urgently advocate the establishment of women's total absti-nence societies and the forming of public pinion against this growing abuse.
"2. That we recommend open meetings, ectures and the distribution of temperince literature in places in which the in-nterest in total abstinence is flagging."

## Alcohol in Wine.

Two and one-half ounces of absolute al-Two and one-half ounces of absolute alzohol are equal in volume to five tablespoonfuls. This amount of alcohol is
found in ten tablespoonfuls of the purest
whisky or brandy. I have recently secured the services of two eminent chemists who have analyzed six varieties of the
inest wines, native and imported. I give
the result of these analyses by volume in
common measurements, each being somewhat loss than the measure stated, to what less than the measure stated, to inest California wines contain six table inest California wines contain six table-spoonfuls of alcohol in a pint; one much raunted American wine has a little over-ight tablespoonfuls of pure alcohol in one, oint; one brand of port contains seven tablespoonfuls of alcohol to a pint; one french wine, imported and much adver-tised contains five tablespoonfuls of alcotised, contains five tablespoonfuls of alco-nol to a pint; the lightest wine, a Califoraia brand, contains four tablespoonfuls of alcohol to a pint.—Dr. C. A. Greene, in the Medical Record.

## The Road to Fortune.

William Waldorf Astor, in reply to the question, "How may a poor man make a, fortune?" says: "Rum and tobacco he should entirely avoid. No man can make money unless his brain is clear, and clear it cannot be when clouded with the fumes of alcohol nd tobacco."

The Crusade in Brief. If liquor and opium are not good for the uncivilized, will some one please explain, requests the Chicago Record, just where they benefit the highly civilized nations?

It may be true that the man who wants a drink will get one, but the all-night and. Sunday saloons are the means of a good many getting drinks who do not want Every fresh drunkard, every little child

who goes for beers, every new bottle of gin uncorked, every new sign painted over the public house door-all these are new arguments in favor of the need of temper-

A temperance restaurant in the Rue St. Antoine, Paris, is run by the Christian Endeavorers. They have a daily clientele of about 100 working men.

A league is being formed for the purpose of assisting to give effect to the wish expressed in Lord Roberts's recently published letter relating to the treating of soldiers and sailors home from the war in South Africa. "Bob's League" it is called. Neat little blue signs have blossomed out at saloon doors all over Chicago. They read thus: "— Telephone Company; Public Telephone: A. D. T. Messengers." This means that a telephone company

this city is booming its business by clasping hands with the saloon. It means that that telephone company is hiring young lads to run errands that may lead them to the very pit of destruction.